

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 8-12, 14, and 15, are pending and stand rejected. In view of the following remarks, the Applicant requests the Examiner's thoughtful reconsideration.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 USC §103

Claims 1-5, 8-12, 14, and 15 were rejected under Section 103 as being unpatentable over USPN 6,029,182 issued to Nehab in view of USPN 5,459,182 issued to Archibald.

Claims 1-5 and 8-12: Claim 1 is directed to a method for creating a customized composition at an assembling web site and, as amended, recites the following acts:

1. providing a user interface configured to enable a user to input preference data;
2. automatically correlating the preference data to a plurality of different sources from which graphics related to the preference data are accessible;
3. for each of the plurality of different sources of graphics, automatically obtaining a reference to a graphic related to the preference data that is accessible from that source; and
4. creating a custom composition that includes each obtained reference to a graphic and information for positioning each referenced graphic on a sequence of pages generated by processing the composition.

Nehab describes generating a personal profile. See Nehab Fig. 5A and 5B and supporting text at column 8, line 22 through col. 10, line 44. The Examiner equates the user profile with the recited composition. That personal profile is used to retrieve data from web sites and printed. The personal profile is created in one of two ways. The first – a users steps or “clicks” are recorded like a macro as the user traverses through web sites. See Nehab, col. 8, line 27 through col. 9, line 34. The user's clicks are recorded, URLs identified. The user profile is generated to include

an ordered list of URLs and rules for obtaining data from those URLs. Alternatively, the user can be presented with an interface through which the user can specify URLs and related rules. See Nehab, col. 9, lines 35-43. Later the user profile can be processed and the data from each of the URLs retrieved and printed to create a "Personal Newspaper." See Nehab, col. 10, lines 36-44.

Nehab teaches the creation of a personal profile that includes URLs or references to sources of information. The particular URL's or sources are manually identified by user input through a user interface or by recording a user's click's through a series of web sites. Nehab does not teach or suggest automatically correlating preference data (input through a provided user interface) to a plurality of different sources from which graphics related to the preference data are accessible. Further, Nehab does not teach or suggest automatically obtaining, for each of the plurality of different sources of graphics, a reference to a graphic related to the preference data that is accessible from that source. Archibald is silent on these points.

Thus Nehab and Archibald fail to teach or suggest a method that includes (a) automatically correlating the preference data to a plurality of different sources from which graphics related to the preference data are accessible and (b) for each of the plurality of different sources of graphics, automatically obtaining a reference to a graphic related to the preference data that is accessible from that source. For at least this reason Claim 1 is patentable over Nehab and Archibald as are Claims 2-5 and 8-12 which depend from Claim 1.

Claims 14 and 15: Claim 14 is directed to a program product comprising computer readable code for causing a system to implement the method of Claim 1. Claim 15 is directed to a system for implementing the method of Claim 1. For at least the same reasons Claim 1 is patentable over Nehab and Archibald, so are Claims 14 and 15.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1-5, 8-12, 14, and 15 are felt to be in condition for allowance. Consequently, early and favorable action allowing these claims and passing the application to issue is earnestly solicited. The foregoing is believed to be a complete response to the outstanding Office Action.

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